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SUBJ: ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA ADDRESSES
NON-ALIGNED BUREAU MEETING

REF: ALGIERS 0590

1. ALGERIAN FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA'S OPENING SPEECH AT
NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU MEETING WAS
EXAMPLE OF MILITANT RHETORIC THAT WILL DOMINATE
DEBATE AT SPECIAL UNGA SESSION IN APRIL. FOR
BOUTEFLIKA STRUGGLE IS EXCLUSIVELY AGAINST WESTERN
INDUSTRIAL STATES AND MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES WHICH
HAVE PILLAGED WORLD RESOURCES.

2. BOUTEFLIKA EMPHASIZED MIDDLE EAST ISSUE AND
CLAIMED THAT ARAB USE OF ENERGY AS POLITICAL WEAPON
HAD OPENED WAY FOR DEVELOPING WORLD TO ASSERT
ITS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STRENGTH. HE DECLARED THAT
PROBLEM WAS "NEITHER TECHNICAL NOR EXCLUSIVELY MORAL,
IT WAS FUNDAMENTALLY POLITICAL".

3. BOUTEFLIKA MET QUESTION OF OIL PRICES WITH: "IT
IS NOT QUESTION OF RETREATING ON PETROLEUM FRONT BUT
OF ADVANCING ON FRONT OF OTHER RAW MATERIALS AND RE-
ADJUSTING THE WHOLE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS."

4. WITH CONCENTRATION OF ATTACK ON WESTERN
INDUSTRIAL WORLD, THERE IS NOTHING IN SPEECH
THAT WOULD UPSET SOVIET BLOC, ALTHOUGH IT IS
UNLIKELY THAT BOUTEFLIKA INTENTIONALLY INTENDED TO
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PLEASE SOVIET UNION.

5. WHEN SPEECH ENDED NEITHER DELEGATES NOR
DIPLOMATIC CORPS EXHIBITED MUCH ENTHUSIASM. AS
WE LEFT HALL FRENCH AMBASSADOR QUOTED TALLYRAND:
"THAT WHICH IS EXCESSIVE IS INSIGNIFICANT."
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